

REMARKS

Claims 1-9, 11, 13-20, 23 and 25 are currently pending in this application. Applicant has carefully reviewed the final Office Action and respectfully requests reconsideration of the claims in view of the remarks presented below.

Double Patenting

Claims 1-9, 11, 13-20 and 23-25 were provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-20 and 22-25 of copending application serial no. 10/782,123.

Applicant herein submits a Terminal Disclaimer disclaiming the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the present application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term of any patent issuing from copending application serial no. 10/782,123. In view of the Terminal Disclaimer, and the remarks below, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-9, 11, 13-20 and 23-25 are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has made an earnest and bona fide effort to clarify the issues before the Examiner and to place this case in condition for allowance. Therefore, allowance of Applicant's claims 1-9, 11, 13-20, 23 and 25 is believed to be in order.

Respectfully submitted,

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